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For: : **CRYSTALLINE VENLAFAXINE BASE AND  
NOVEL POLYMORPHS OF VENLAFAXINE  
HYDROCHLORIDE, PROCESSES FOR  
PREPARING THEREOF**

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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows prior to issuing an

Official Action on the merits:

In the Claims

Please amend claim 76 as follows:

B1 76. (Amended) A process for preparing vanlafaxine hydrochloride Form I comprising the  
steps of:

- a) preparing a mixture of venlafaxine in isopropanol; and
- b) exposing the mixture in gaseous hydrochloric acid.

Please add the following new claims 81-94: